GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISABLED PERSONS
C. SREENIVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons in the country as per the census of 2001;

(b) the number of disabled persons in the country, who have been provided with employment opportunities;

(c) whether the disabled persons have been discriminated against in the field of employment and education;

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported to the Union Government for the last three years; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to protect the rights of the disabled persons as have been provided in the Constitution?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (e) IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.369 FOR ANSWE
14.12.2001 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISABLED PERSONS

(a) : The data regarding incidence of disability collected in the course of census 2001 is not yet available.

(b) : No authentic data is available about the number of disabled persons provided employment. However, some of the important schemes for promoting their employment are the facility of registration with Special Employment Exchanges and Cells, Vocational Rehabilitation Centres which facilitate placement after training, Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities and concessional financing through the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation and State CorporationsMany of the disabled persons are also employed in the private and unorganised sector.

(c) and (d) : The representation of persons with disabilities in educational institutions or in the workplace is not commensurate with their population. A grievance redressal mechanism for the disabled persons exists in the persona of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the State Commissioners. The position regarding receipt and disposal of the cases filed before the Chief Commissioner is as under:-

Year	Filed	Disposal
1.10.1998 to 31.3.1999	65	12
1999-2000	529	355
2000-2001	1118	803
April 2001 to 31.10.2001	3917	3143

(e) : The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 has been enacted for the protection of the rights of the disabled persons.